

# BOARD OF EDUCATION of Montgomery County · Maryland

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April 11, 2006

The Honorable George Leventhal, President  
Montgomery County Council  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, Maryland 20850


Dear Mr. Leventhal:

This is in response to a request from Councilman Steve Silverman, chairman, Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee, concerning the position of the Board of Education (Board) on the high school site proposed as part of the City of Gaithersburg's Annexation Petition X-182 for the Crown Farm Property. The Board appreciates the efforts of the city and the developer to provide a high school site that will support Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) program standards at no cost.

MCPS staff worked closely with city staff, the consulting engineer, and architects for the developer, Crown Village Farm LLC, to identify a suitable site. The initial site proposed for the high school did not provide sufficient acreage to meet MCPS program requirements. However, MCPS staff has identified additional acreage adjacent to the proposed school site that, along with a commitment from the applicant to install artificial turf for the stadium, would make the site suitable for a future high school. MCPS staff has provided the city and developer with a delineation of the property needed for the proposed high school site. It is our understanding that the developer is prepared to include the additional acreage as part of the dedication if the annexation agreement is approved. If the additional acreage is included in the land dedication, the site will be suitable for a high school provided the developer is willing to pay for the artificial turf in the stadium and the proposed transit-way that is part of the master plan is realigned so that it does not encroach on the school site.

If the PHED Committee requires additional information on this matter, please contact Mr. Richard Hawes, director, Department of Facilities Management, at 301-279-3425.

Sincerely,

  
Charles Haughey  
President

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